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## **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION AGENTS ARREST PAROLEES**

### ***Parole Sweep Operations Throughout Los Angeles County***

Los Angeles - This morning, agents from the California Department of Corrections Law Enforcement Unit, in conjunction with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies, conducted a major parolee sweep operation of throughout Los Angeles County and made 17 arrests.

Approximately 200 officers were involved in the operation which covered eight cities and two counties. The operation was concentrated in the Hawaiian Gardens area of Los Angeles which is the site of major gang problems, including the recent murder of a Deputy Sheriff.

The joint operation, led by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation parole agents and Fugitive Apprehension Teams, arrested the 17 parolees on charges ranging from parole violations to narcotic and weapons charges. In addition to the arrests, officers seized four firearms and the Department of Children and Family Services took five children into protective custody.

"This is a perfect example of how the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will use its law enforcement resources to coordinate and respond with other agencies throughout the state to deal with crime and make our communities safer," said Secretary Roderick Q. Hickman.

Under the recent reorganization of the Department of Corrections, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in July 2005, the Office of Correctional Safety was created. All investigative and enforcement operations are now consolidated under this office. This new office ensures that all information is shared, analyzed and disseminated to other law enforcement agencies.

This is just the beginning of an active partnership to deal with the gang problems, especially in LA County," said Walter Allen, Assistant Secretary. "With the new Office of Correctional Safety we will continue to provide support to law enforcement agencies throughout the state."

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